

WHITESTOWN HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Tuesday, April 10, 2018 6:00 PM

Whitestown Municipal Complex - Conference Room 6210 Veterans Drive Whitestown, Indiana

MINUTES

1. OPENING THE MEETING

- A. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 6:10pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
 - Andy Markle, President present
 - Monika Mala, Vice President present
 - Kisha Rollins, Secretary absent
 - James Tomlinson, Treasurer present
 - Raji Muthukrishnan Member absent
 - Abby Simpson Member present
 - Harlan Vondersaar Member present
- D. Approve Minutes from January 11, 2018 meeting Monika motions to approve the 1/11/18 meeting minutes. James seconds. Passes 5-0

2. PRESENTATION

A. Presentation of 'I Have a Dream' Scholarship Award to Recipient Joshua Parquet

3. OLD BUSINESS

none

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Introduction of two newly appointed members
- B. Discuss and create scope of LGBT+ Study Committee & Appoint members to LGBT+ Study Committee Board members MM & AS volunteered to be part of study committee. Three other members of the community will round it out: Vanessa Keadle, Nikolas Hout and Matt Mackowiak. Abby will manage social media. The study committee will create some kind of digital assessment/unofficial, on-line census to assess the LGBTQ+ population here in Whitestown, which is not measured by the official census when breaking down the percentage of population growth of other minority group demographics. The Study

- Committee will compile collected data to be used in the HRC's end of year report due to Town Council in January 2019.
- C. Discuss and create scope of Mediation Committee & Appoint members to Mediation Committee -- Board members HV & AM volunteered to be on the mediation committee. Board members will reach out to local residents/business owners to try to recruit three (3) additional members. Mediation Committee will only meet as needed if there is a complaint.
- D. Discuss updates to rules and process of mediation vs. complaint rules of mediation are on the website. Board intends to create written process to add to website.
- E. Discuss 2018 Festival of Lights Celebration (not WSIT) the role of HRC in the annual 'Festival of Lights' is to advertise the event and book the event space (already done gymnasium is reserved all day; event is on Nov. 3rd from 6-9pm.) Abby will manage social media for the HRC and all its events.
- F. Discuss WSIT participation in Festival of Lights (sponsorships, event management, etc.) The 'Whitestown Social Innovation Trust' will handle fundraising for the event. HRC will get WSIT an event management contract.

5. ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm

The next regular Whitestown Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **May 15**, **2018** at 6:00 PM (moved due to Election Day on May 8th) in the conference room at the Whitestown Municipal Complex.

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ATTEST:

Tanya Sumner, Director of Public Relations (Board Liaison)

Town of Whitestown, Indiana